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California's unemployment rate holds at record low 4.2 percent for third consecutive month in June

Employers add 800 nonfarm payroll jobs

SACRAMENTO – For a third consecutive month, California's unemployment rate held steady at 4.2 percent in June – remaining at a record low level in a series dating back to 1976 – while the state's employers added 800 nonfarm payroll jobs, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two surveys. California has now gained a total of 2,902,400 jobs since the economic expansion began in February 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate increased to 4.0 percent, while the nation's employers added 213,000 nonfarm payroll jobs.

In June 2017, the state's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,100 California households.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in California totaled 17,092,000 in June, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 71,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over change, June 2017 to June 2018, shows an increase of 269,100 jobs (up 1.6 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal household survey, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed Californians over the year. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in June was 18,527,000, a decrease of 9,000 from May, and up 151,000 from the employment total in June of last year.

The number of unemployed Californians was 814,000 in June – an increase of 6,000 over the month, and down by 112,000 compared with June of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's payroll employment report (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 17,092,000 in June, a net gain of 800 jobs from May. This followed a revised gain of 7,200 jobs in May.

Month-over Job Gains

Four of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 16,200 jobs in June. Educational and health services reported the largest increase with a gain of 8,000 jobs, followed by information (up 4,600), government (up 3,500) and professional and business services (up 100).

Month-over Job Losses

Seven of California industries reported job losses over the month. Leisure and hospitality reported the largest decrease with a loss of 4,000 jobs, followed by construction (down 2,900), trade, transportation and utilities (down 2,600) and financial activities (down 2,300). Other industries with job declines over the month were manufacturing, other services and mining and logging.

Year-over Job Gains

In a year-over-year comparison (June 2017 to June 2018), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 269,100 jobs (a 1.6 percent increase).

Nine of California's eleven industry sectors added a total of 272,800 jobs over the year. The largest job gains were in educational and health services, up 75,800 jobs (a 2.9 percent increase), professional and business services, up 42,200 (a 1.6 percent increase) and leisure and hospitality, up 41,700 (a 2.1 percent increase). Other sectors adding jobs over the year were construction, trade, transportation and utilities, government, information, manufacturing and financial activities.

Year-over Job Losses

Two industry sectors posted job declines over the year, other services, down a total of 3,400 jobs and mining and logging, down 300 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 303,592 people receiving regular Unemployment Insurance benefits during the June survey week. This compares with 337,974 in May and 330,417 in June of last year. At the same time, new claims for Unemployment Insurance were 47,027 in June, compared with 41,762 in May and 46,876 in June of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	June 2017	May 2018 (revised)	June 2018 (prelim.)	Change Over 12 Months (percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	16,822.9	17,091.2	17,092.0	1.6
Mining and logging	22.1	22.2	21.8	-1.4
Construction	814.0	856.7	853.8	4.9
Manufacturing	1,312.5	1,319.4	1,317.6	0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	3,041.6	3,069.2	3,066.6	0.8
Information	524.4	537.7	542.3	3.4
Financial activities	830.6	835.0	832.7	0.3
Professional and business services	2,573.9	2,616.0	2,616.1	1.6
Educational and health services	2,634.5	2,702.3	2,710.3	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	1,952.0	1,997.7	1,993.7	2.1
Other services	565.3	563.3	561.9	-0.6
Government*	2,552.0	2,571.7	2,575.2	0.9
Agriculture	429.9	427.6	429.0	-0.2

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	June 2017	April 2018	May 2018 (revised)	June 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,301,000	19,359,000	19,345,000	19,341,000
Total civilian employment	18,376,000	18,543,000	18,536,000	18,527,000
Unemployment	926,000	815,000	808,000	814,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
US seasonally adjusted rate %	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.0

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	June 2017	April 2018	May 2018 (revised)	June 2018 (prelim.)
Civilian labor force ^a	19,297,000	19,246,000	19,268,000	19,356,000
Total civilian employment	18,365,000	18,507,000	18,556,000	18,487,000
Unemployment	932,000	739,000	713,000	869,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.8	3.8	3.7	4.5

^aLabor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes.

²Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
June 2018 (Preliminary); 2017 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	19,356,200	18,486,800	869,400	4.5%
ALAMEDA	846,400	818,200	28,200	3.3%
ALPINE	460	430	30	6.1%
AMADOR	14,800	14,190	620	4.2%
BUTTE	103,200	97,700	5,500	5.3%
CALAVERAS	21,590	20,690	900	4.2%
COLUSA	10,840	9,550	1,290	11.9%
CONTRA COSTA	562,400	542,700	19,700	3.5%
DEL NORTE	9,910	9,350	560	5.6%
EL DORADO	89,600	86,100	3,500	3.9%
FRESNO	456,100	421,400	34,700	7.6%
GLENN	12,750	11,850	900	7.0%
HUMBOLDT	62,690	60,220	2,470	3.9%
IMPERIAL	73,500	60,200	13,200	18.0%
INYO	8,820	8,470	350	4.0%
KERN	387,300	353,500	33,800	8.7%
KINGS	58,000	53,300	4,800	8.2%
LAKE	29,460	27,900	1,560	5.3%
LASSEN	9,970	9,480	480	4.8%
LOS ANGELES	5,141,900	4,894,700	247,200	4.8%
MADERA	61,600	57,100	4,500	7.4%
MARIN	140,000	136,300	3,800	2.7%
MARIPOSA	8,230	7,830	400	4.8%
MENDOCINO	39,430	37,850	1,570	4.0%
MERCED	117,900	107,700	10,200	8.6%
MODOC	3,400	3,180	210	6.3%
MONO	8,860	8,520	350	3.9%
MONTEREY	230,000	217,900	12,100	5.3%
NAPA	74,200	71,900	2,300	3.1%
NEVADA	48,370	46,530	1,840	3.8%
ORANGE	1,606,700	1,553,200	53,500	3.3%
PLACER	181,500	175,100	6,400	3.5%
PLUMAS	8,180	7,650	540	6.5%
RIVERSIDE	1,077,000	1,025,300	51,700	4.8%
SACRAMENTO	699,700	669,900	29,700	4.3%
SAN BENITO	30,500	28,900	1,600	5.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	954,600	911,100	43,500	4.6%
SAN DIEGO	1,582,000	1,523,600	58,400	3.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	565,600	550,600	15,000	2.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	324,400	303,700	20,600	6.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	144,500	139,800	4,700	3.3%
SAN MATEO	449,900	438,700	11,300	2.5%
SANTA BARBARA	218,700	210,100	8,600	3.9%
SANTA CLARA	1,053,800	1,023,300	30,600	2.9%
SANTA CRUZ	148,500	141,800	6,700	4.5%
SHASTA	74,800	70,900	3,900	5.1%
SIERRA	1,360	1,290	70	5.4%
SISKIYOU	18,190	17,060	1,130	6.2%
SOLANO	207,100	198,300	8,800	4.2%
SONOMA	263,500	255,500	8,000	3.0%
STANISLAUS	243,200	225,700	17,500	7.2%
SUTTER	45,900	42,500	3,500	7.6%
TEHAMA	25,770	24,220	1,550	6.0%
TRINITY	5,240	4,970	280	5.3%
TULARE	211,200	190,900	20,300	9.6%
TUOLUMNE	21,580	20,550	1,030	4.8%
VENTURA	425,300	408,400	16,900	4.0%
YOLO	107,300	102,600	4,700	4.4%
YUBA	28,600	26,700	1,900	6.8%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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